President Dave Fultz Is Confident New International League Will Enjoy a Prosperous Season in 1919

NEW INTERNATIONAL! **OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT**

President Dave Fultz Predicts Prosperous Year for Minor League.

SEASON BEGINS APRIL 30

Jersey City and Newark Prepare for Old Time Gala Openings.

WHERE THE NEW INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE THAMS OPEN NEXT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

Buffalo in Jersey City.
Toronto in Newark,
Rochester in Baltimore.
Binghamton in Reading. NEW INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

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UMPIRES. Jeseph O'Brien. William Carpenter. M. J. Stockdale. Scott Chesinutt.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

A new era is in store for the New International League. That is the firm conviction of Dave Fults, the newly elected president of the big class AA minor league circuit, which opens its champlonship season next Wednesday in Jersey City, Newark, Baltimore and Reading

Reading.

Jersey City is prepared to have a real old time opening next Wednesday, when Wild Bill Donovan's Jersey Skeeters clash with the Buffalo team as an attraction. In Newark the Indians will open the season at the old Federal League grounds at Harrison, with the Toronto champions as an opponent. Baltimore drew Rochester as its opening card, while Binghamton plays in Reading.

While this will only be the second year for the New International League, it really will be the twenty-eighth assual season of the circuit, for the old International is the oldest minor league in the country. It was organized in

International is the oldest minor league in the country. It was organized in 1892 as the Eastern League and changed to the International in 1912. Owing to the war conditions it was necessary for the league to hold a reorganization in the spring of 1917, when the old league was dissolved and the New International League organized. But it is practically the same ined. But it is practically the same league. Next to the National League this dig minor has been in the field longer than any other baseball circuit.

Does Not Look for Miracle.

Fuits does not look for any baseball miracle, but he does think that the baseball tide has changed and that from now on the minors, especially the International, will return to former

prosperity.
"The International League has had its "The international League has had its share of woes in the last five years," said Fults. "and we had to work h rd last winter to whip the league in shape so that we could start the 1919 season with eight well balanced clubs. Happily the most difficult part of our task s behind us and we now see clear skies

"I have confidence in the return of minor league ball to the former position it held in the world of sport, and espe-cially in the International League. We

"Another former Giant, George Willise, again will manage in Buffale, while the shrewd Arthur Irwin, former manager of the period between 1909 and 1913. I admit that golf, tennis, automobiles and moving pictures have cut into baseball moving pictures have cut into baseball international owners. The Reading propagation has been taken over by the Reading propagation and propagation has been taken over by the Reading propagation and pr

Baseball America's Game.

"Baseball is America's game and that applies to cities of 200,000 and to cities the 1919 season is completed some applies to cities of 200,000 and to cities of 2,000,000, to cities of 2,000 and cities of 2,000,000, to cities of 2,000 and cities of 20,000. The International League was one of the most prosperous baseball organizations up to 1913. Many of its dubs made tidy profits, and when a franchise was placed on the market it brought real money. There is no reason why an International League franchise will not be as valuable again in the will not be as valuable again in the future as it was in the past. Cities like will not be as valuable again in the future as it was in the past. Cities like Newark, Buffalo, Baltimore, Toronto, Rochester and Jersey City are growing had seen service would stay away from fast and it is up to us to provide the calibre of ball that these cities will patronize.

"I never heard of such a thing," said Fully, "and in my army career I never

I look for a splendid race.

"I think much of the strength in our league lies in the managers appointed by the different clubs. They are allowed by the different clubs. They are the base allowed by the different clubs. They are them will stay allowed by the different clubs. They are allowed by the different clubs. They are them will stay and the different clubs. They are allowed by the different clubs. They are them will stay are allowed by the different clubs. They are them will stay are allowed by the different clubs. They are allowed by the different clubs. They are allowed by the different clubs. The

Men Who Will Lead Teams in Reorganized International League and President of Circuit



moving pictures have cut into baseball patronage, but that is true of the large cities as well as the smaller ones. And with the country back on a peaceful condition I think the majors will have condition I think the majors will have to boom the club along, and I think we will do well there.

Quitters Will Regret. "It is my firm opinion that before

patronize.

"We will have to go through with a period of reconstruction slowly. One or two good years will reestablish the entire minor league business on a firm foundation. Many of our players are game, and believed it had a lot to do Toung, but they have the ambition, and it is look for a splendid race.

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BINGHAMTON HOPES FOR 1919 PENNANT

Buffalo

Manager Frank Schulte Is Assembling a Formidable Aggregation.

BINGHAMTON, April 26 .- Never in Binghamton's baseball history has the

Minor League Outlook Bright, Says Farrell

SPEAKING of the outlook for the 1919 basebull season among minor leagues. Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Association yesterday said: "Reports from every section of the

country show a healthy resumption of the sport in the minor lengue territory and in every section indications point to a highly successful year. Many of the leagues are beng rebuilt on more substantial local foundations, and among those rewly organized are the Michigan-Ontario, New England, Northwestern International, South Atlantic, Florida State, Illionois-Iowa-Indiana, Vir-ginia, Western Canada and Dixle

leagues.
"In the Southern States the spring

ROCHESTER ALL SET WITH STRONG CLUB

Arthur Irwin Has Twentythree Baseball Players Under Contract.

son dope on the Rochester International League club seems to indicate that the principal strength of the outif will its summer. Buffale has always been a strong amateur and semi-professional base base in its hitting ability. Arthur Irwin has twenty-three players under contract, including seven pitchers, five catchers, eight infielders and three outfielders. The players who have signed are Putfale Council on Wednesday passed in the Summy Pitchers Godfrey Brogan, who was all Gainsville with the Glants; Walter Bernhardt, former Penn star and for a short time in 1818 with the Yankees for cover the necessary ordinance establishing the Rochester last season; John M. Ogden of Swarthmore College, who was included in the bunch of youngsters with McGraw this spring, and Steinger, turned over this week by the Phillies.

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SUNDAY BASEBALL **ENLIVENS BUFFALO**

New Law Will Help Greatly to Revive Interest-Much Opposition.

Special Despatch to Tan Sun.

BUFFALO, April 26 .- Two weeks ago J. J. Lannin, owner of the Buffalo baseball club, intimated that unless the Sunday baseball bill passed into law there charge and only five players were on when his nerves got the better of him, was an excellent prospect that some one was increased to twenty before the squad After that he was completely demorals

BILL DONOVAN HAS PAT DONOVAN HAS TEAM OFYOUNGSTERS FORMIDABLE CREW

Whip Together Strong Team Out of Raw Material.

HAS TWO GOOD PITCHERS STRONG PITCHING STAFF

Also a Star Catcher in Kelly, Several Twirlers Fresh From Former Batting Mate of Marty O'Toole.

Bill Donovan's Jersey City club is Newark appears to have a fairly

"I have a pretty good club of kids," said Donovan yesterday, "and I think they will show something when we get going. They gave a sign of what they could do last Sunday, when they held the Red Sox to a score of 1 to 0, and Miller and Russell held Ruth hitless. If some of the fellows do not show enough with Toronto, and Donovan has a pretty with Toronto, and Donovan has a pretty with Toronto, and Donovan has a pretty with Toronto, and Donovan has a pretty

Makeup of Infield.

The Jersey City infield will be made up to Nuhn, first base: Sharp or Cooney, second base; Jim Shannon, shortstop, and Sam Lenox, third base. Nuhn is a semi-professional from New Haven, who came to Donovan strongly recommended.

Kelly First Catcher.

For catchers Donovan will select from Kelly, Hyde, Berman and Wilden Kelly is sure to stay and will be the first Jersey catcher. He was famous a half dozen years ago as the battery mate of Marty O'Toole. When Dreyfuss of Pittsburg bought O'Toole from St. Paul for \$22,500 he also bought Kelly, Marty's catcher, for \$6,000. Hyde is a former shipyard player who caught last season for the New York Shipbuilding team of Camden, N. J. Berman is a Bronx boy, and Wilder was with the Red Sox for a trial before he entered the army.

League To share the work with him is Frank Bruggy, one of the hardest hitting backstops in the league last season up to the time he went into the army.

Cleveland part of last season, will cover first base, and Waiter "Midge" Shay will hard, being an ideal lead-oif man.

Al. "Kitty" Stark, who played second base for Dethlehem in the Steel League last season, will be at short. Stark is a rattling good fielder and a hard hitter.

Jersey City will have a pitching staff consisting largely of former shippard and Steel League players. Miller, who looks like the best of the bunch, is a shippard player. Zellers and Stubing pitched in the Pennsylvania Steel League last season. Russell, the left hander, was recently purchased from Brooklyn. Powers is a former Fastern League pitcher, and Hill was picked up on the strength of his pitching while in the Braves won the world's championship. John Jacobs, who was with the Braves won the world's championship. John Jacobs, who was with

PLAYER SHORTAGE CONFRONTS DOOIN KOSTICH'S ILLNESS

Reading Pilot, Must Build

New Team.

Special Despatch to Tun Sec. READING, Pa., April 26 .- While Read-READING, Pa. April 56 - While Read-ing is wild over gaining admission to the International League, the pros-pects for a good team are anything but bright. Manager Charles Dooin must

build an entirely new club.

Only six players were thrown in with

Dooin arrived here Wednesday to take

of the first set of Later and District and the present of the set of the set

Jersey City Manager Hopes to Newark Dangerous Contender for Pennant in New International League.

Big League Training Camps. -

made up largely of talented youngsters, formidable baseball team gathered toand the former Tankee manager hopes gether to represent it in the new Interto whip them into some kind of shape by national League this season guided by the opening of the International League's Patsy Donovan, the veteran baseball championship season next Wednesday, star and manager. Joseph J. Lannin,

some of the fellows do not show enough with Toronto, and Donevan has a pretty we may change some of the positions later on, when the big league clubs begin to cut down to their new limits of twenty-one."

with Toronto, and Donevan has a pretty likely looking bunch to trot out against the Maple Leafs. It is expected that the fane will give the team much better support this year, for the quality of ball will be much better and the

second base; Jim Shannon, shortstop, and Sam Lenox, third base. Nuhn is a semi-professional from New Haven, who came to Donovan strongly recommended. Sharp is a former Tri-State player and Cooney played in the Western League. He is not the Cooney who was formerly with the Boston Nationals.

Neither is Shannon one of the Shannon twins, who have been playing around the big leagues and International for several seasons. Jim Shannon is the sen of the Brocklyn bandmaster, and Donovan says he is quite a likely looking lad. Lenox, the former Brocklyn third baseman.

In the cutfield Donovan will play Wigglesworth in left field, Slaughter in centre and Schweitzer in right. The first named is a former Holy Crass player, while Slaughter comes from Trappe, Md., Frank Baker's town, and its a protege of the famous Taukee star. Schweitzer is a veteran player who was with the St. Louis Browns about ten years ago.

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Bob Davis, for a year a star in the

picuship. John Jacobs, who was with Detroit last season, will play centre. The chip prospect for right is George Lesser, a New York semi-pro, who will be played there until some one from the large league is secured.

HURT CHESS GAME

Former Philly Manager, Now Serbian Explains Defeat by Capablanca in Cuba.

Floris Kostish, the Serbian chase ex-port, in a statement received vesterday from Havana endeavors to explain his one sided defeat by Jose R. Capablanca, 5 to 0, by maintaining that he undertook

to play the match against his better judgment, realizing that conditions of climate, &c., were all against him. The first sitting with Capablanca was six hours straight, which wearied Kos-tich so that he had a sleepless night and the Hamilton-Syracuse franchise and which he lost, after which he took two days rest. Feeling somewhat improved, he worked up a fire position in the third. was in bad shape for the second game